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IN THE APPLICATION OF:

QIONG CHENG ET. AL.

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SERIAL NO.: 10/808979

GROUP ART UNIT: 1638

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EXAMINER: KOROMA, B

FOR: GENES ENCODING CAROTENOID COMPOUNDS

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Introductory Comments

This is submitted in response to the Office Action dated 11/05/2004. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and submit the following in support thereof. Please amend the application as follows:

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